

Southwestern Oregon Community College**BP: 2012****BOARD OPERATIONS AND GOVERNANCE STYLE**

The Board of Education shall be actively involved in the governance of the College through policy. The Board shall govern in a style that accentuates an outward vision or focus. Members of the Board shall encourage diverse viewpoints, collective or consensus decision making, and be future oriented and proactive.

Specifically, Board members shall:

1. Guide and oversee the College through the development of written policies expressing broad organizational values and perspectives;
2. Concentrate on long term impacts outside of the College and rely on the administration to reasonably obtain those effects;
3. Operate in a manner that is mindful of civic trust representing the interests of the entire College district:
 - a. Be accountable for competent, conscientious and effective service to the community as members of the Southwestern Board of Education;
 - b. Encourage officers, individuals or committees of the Board to abide by Board policies.
4. Conduct business in a collaborative manner;
5. Develop annual Board goals;
6. Provide self-discipline to matters such as policy-making principles, adherence to ethical practices, respect of roles, and the Board interaction agreement;
7. Evaluate and monitor the Board by:
 - a. Conducting an annual review of Board governance process policies;
 - b. Developing a Board orientation for new members;
 - c. Complying with relevant laws and ethical codes of conduct; and,
 - d. Conducting an annual review of board effectiveness.
8. Value and use the expertise of individual Board members to enhance the ability and performance of the Board as a whole; and,
9. Review new or revised Administrative Policies and Procedures (APPS) following campus open hearings.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 192.420, .630
ORS Chapter 238
ORS 243.650 - .782
ORS Chapter 279A
ORS Chapter 279B

ORS Chapter 279C
ORS 294.305 - .565
ORS 341.290, .312
ORS 731.704 - .724